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SUBJECT: SITREP 8

USCG FOR CAPTAIN WAALLACE

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY FROM
COMMANDER ATKINSON, USCG, PUNTA ARENAS. SUBJECT SITREP
IS QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"FROM: CDR J.A. ATKINSON USCG, PUNTA ARENAS

TO: AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

PASS TO CMDT COGARD WASHDC

METULA SITREP EIGHT

1. VHF COMMS TODAY WITH NSF ON METULA FROM SKI-LODGE
NEAR PUNTA ARENAS.

2. EASY ROUTINE ABOARD METULA AWAITING CONDITIONS FOR
NEXT OFFLOAD, SCHED FOR 5 SEPT, WEATHER PERMITTING.

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3. WINDS ABOUT 50 KNOTS PAST THREE DAYS. NAVY TUG

UNABLE TO GO ALONGSIDE METUAL PAST TWO DAYS TO
TRANSFER ADDITIONAL ADAPTS PUMPS AND PERSONNEL.

4. ALL NSF PERSONNEL WELL AND IN GOOD SPIRITS. METULA
EMERG. GENERATOR ON. HOT FOOD AND SHOWERS POSSIBLE.
SHORT ON HEAT, BUT OTHERWISE BERTHED COMFORTABLY.
COOPERATION EXCELLENT FROM SALVORS, SHELL AND CHILEAN
NAVY.

5. ZWARTE ZEE, HAVING BEEN AT SEA FOR FOUR MONTHS, TO
BE RELIEVED FOR FEW DAYS BY TUG SMIT SALVOR FROM SOME
CONTACT WITH SHORE. JAPANESE TUG NOORD ZEE ALSO IN AREA.

6. LCDR PARK AND I AGREED THAT I WOULD CONTINUE
EXISTING SERIES OF METUAL SITREPS UNTIL I DEPART,
REPORTING SITUATION FROM THIS END, AND THAT HE WOULD
START POLREPS FROM METULA NOW. LCDR PART DESIRED TO
SEND THEM DIRECT TO WASHINGTON FROM SALVAGE TUG. HAVING
DISCUSSED THIS WITH ADM ALLEN HERE, I HAVE INSTRUCTED
HIM TO SEND ALL POLREPS OR ANY OTHER MESSAGES VIA
ULTRAMAR SHIPPING AGENCY RADIO TO THIRD NAVAL ZONE FOR
RELAY TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO FOR RELAY TO CMDT COGARD,
TO KEEP ENTIRE CHAIN ADVISED. AS ALL RECIPIENTS DO NOT
HOLD KEY TO POLREP FORMAT, HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO
INCLUDE TITLE FOR EACH LINE IN POLREP.

7. POLLUTION OVERFLIGHT TODAY FOUND CONSIDERABLY LESS
OIL THAN YESTERDAY. ON LOW TIDE, NO OIL IN WATER,
STRIP OF CLEAN SAND ABOVE WATER LINE WITH NARROW
STRIP OF OIL ABOVE THAT, ABOUT 2 OR 3 METERS WIDE
OVER SAME 18-MILE STRIP FROM PUNTA REMO TO PUNTA
ANEGADA.

8. SOME OIL ESCAPED FROM METULA TWO DAYS AGO, BUT
THAT NOW GONE. BT"
POPPER

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